

zocle; the column is surmounted by a circular pedestal, on which stands a colossal (colossean) statue of Washington; the whole constructed of white marble.

The grand base is 50 feet square, and 25 feet high; the column is 20 feet in diameter at the base, and, with its sub-base 130 feet high; the entire height of the monument is 175 feet above the pavement of the street, and 185 above the foundations.

It stands on an elevated hill, (100 feet above the tide,) at the intersection of four principal streets, in a square of 200 feet. The streets to the south and north are 110 feet wide, 30 feet of which are reserved for a promenade, enclosed and planted with shrubbery, leaving a 40 feet street on each side.

The monument is encircled with a massive iron railing, 350 feet in circumference, opened on the four fronts by iron gateways, and ornamented with lamp stands.

On every front of the grand base, a flight of marble steps, (flanked by massy blocks surmounted with Tripods,) leads up to door-ways, which open into vaulted galleries, surrounding the lower base of the column.

A broad frieze runs round the exterior of the grand base, (immediately under the great cornice,) enriched with a series of civic wreaths, each encircling a star, designating the states constituting the union. In the centre of this frieze, (above the door ways,) are large marble tablets, inscribed with the name of Washington. Over the great cornice, a blocking course runs round the base, crowned at the four angles with military trophies, all executed in marble.

Bronze inscriptions, commemorative of the events of the revolution connected with the life of Washington, are to be inscribed in Latin and English, on every front of the base. The following is one that has been proposed by the architect, Mr. Mills:

Fama. Manet. Perennis.

Quia. Populi. Arbitrio.

Georgio. Washington.

Patri. Patriae.

Quo. Duce.

Summo. Numine. Favente.

Civitates. Foderatae.

Americae. Septentrionalis.

Libertatem. Legesq.

Impetrarunt.

Cives. Baltimorienses.

Haude. Inani. Studio.

Tantae. Laudis. Augedae.

Set. Ut.

Exemplar. Vitae.

Patriae. q. Amoris.

Semper. in. Conspectu. Homi-
num. Esset.

H. M.

P. C.

On entering the gallery of the grand base, from the north, an archway presents itself on the opposite side, which leads into the stair-way, where on the right is discovered a flight of granite steps, descending to the subterranean vaults, and on the left a flight of marble steps, which ascend to the platform of the base, and to the platform on the top of the capital of the column.—The base of the column above the great platform, is proposed to be encircled with 13 colossal bronze shields, emblematical of the Federal Union; the faces of these shields are ornamented with the arms of those states which formed the federal compact, each of which is divided by a massive spear.